

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain pending in the present application. Claims 18-20 are new. Basis for the amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings originally filed.

NEW CLAIMS

New Claims 18-20 are dependent claims that Applicant believes properly further limit their respective base claim.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

The Examiner has required an election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following patentably distinct species:

- I. The species principally illustrated in Figures 1 & 2 (page 7, line 19-page 18, line 19);
- II. The species principally illustrated in Figures 3 and 4 (page 18, line 20-page 22, line 11);
- III. The species principally illustrated in Figure 5 (page 22, lines 12-20);
- IV. The species principally illustrated in Figure 6 (page 22, line 21-page 24, line 17);
- V. The species principally illustrated in Figure 7 (page 24, line 19 – page 28, line 14);
- VI. The species principally illustrated in Figure 8 (page 28, line 14-page 30, line 1); and
- VII. The species principally illustrated by an in-determinant number of additional un-illustrated species described on page 30, lines 2-21, including a kind of “mix and match” of the first sixth species described briefly on page 30, lines 19-21.

Applicant, without traverse, respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with Species I principally illustrated in Figures 1 and 2. Applicant believes that Claims 1, 11, 12 and 17, as well as new Claims 18-20, read on the elected species and that at least Claims 1, 11, 12 and 17 are generic. Applicant requests that the non-elected claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional

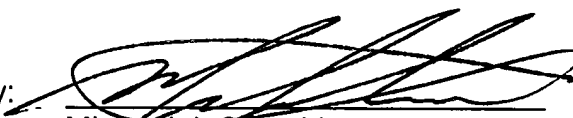
and/or continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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